

**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that the present application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matter:

The Examiner has required under 37 CFR 1.82(d) that sequence identification numbers be assigned to all sequences presented in the specification. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to assign sequence identification numbers to the two oligonucleotide primer sequences presented at page 59 of the specification as filed, and a replacement sequence listing is submitted herewith. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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